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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Gregory E. Sancoff et al.For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING MULTIPLE SUTURES

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 38 sheets of drawings.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status.  
☒ REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$385.00		\$770.00
Total Claims	17 - 20	0	x \$ 9.00		x \$18.00	0.00
Ind. Claims	5 - 3	2	x \$43.00	86.00	x \$ 86.00	86.00
Mult. Claims			+ \$145.00		+ \$290.00	
Total				\$471.00		

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 16-0221 to cover the filing fee and assignment recording fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- ☐ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN RE REQUESTED FILING OF RULE 1.53(B)  
CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION BASED ON  
THE FOLLOWING PENDING PRIOR PATENT APPLICATION:

In re Application of: Gregory E. Sancoff et al.  
Serial No.: 09/705,997  
Filing Date: 11/03/00  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING  
MULTIPLE SUTURES  
Group Art Unit No.: 3765  
Examiner: Amy B. Vanatta  
Attorney's Docket No.: ONUX-6

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REQUEST FOR FILING RULE 1.53(B) CONTINUATION APPLICATION

This is a request for filing a continuation application, in accordance with Rule 1.53(B), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/705,997, filed 11/03/00 by Gregory E. Sancoff et al. for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING MULTIPLE SUTURES.

Submitted with this request are the following:

1. A true copy of said prior application Serial No. 09/705,997 (including specification, claims, drawings, and an unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney) as originally filed;
2. A copy of RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, including a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney and a Duplicate Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. An AFFIDAVIT by the undersigned attorney of record verifying that the enclosed copy of said pending prior application Serial No. 09/705,997 is a complete and true copy;

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4. A PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT which amends the application to show that it is a continuation of parent application Serial No. 09/705,997, filed 11/03/2000 by Gregory E. Sancoff et al. for APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING MULTIPLE SUTURES DURING ANASTOMOSIS (Attorney's Docket No. ONUX-6), which in turn claims benefit of prior U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/163,680, filed 11/05/1999 by Gregory E. Sancoff, John T. Rice and Frederic P. Field; and

5. A mailing certificate indicating that this submittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service on January 26, 2004 as provided for under 37 CFR 1.10.

The Power of Attorney in the pending prior application is to Pandiscio & Pandiscio, a firm composed of Nicholas A. Pandiscio, Registration No. 17293, Mark J. Pandiscio, Registration No. 30883, Scott R. Foster, Registration No. 20570, and James A. Sheridan, Registration No. 43114, or any of them, all of 470 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451-1914 (Telephone No. 781-290-0060).

The inventors named in this continuation application are the same inventors named in the prior applications Serial No. 09/705,997.

The Commissioner is also authorized to prepare a certified copy of said prior copending application if the same is deemed to be necessary and to charge the cost of same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for filing in said prior copending application.

All communications in this matter should be addressed to:

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Thank you.

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FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached Rule 1.53(B) continuation application is being  
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Group Art Unit No.: 3731  
Attorney's Docket No.: ONUX-6

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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION mailed January 10, 2001 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from March 10, 2001 to April 10, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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